

Senate File 234

S-3009

1 Amend Senate File 234 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause  
3 and inserting:

4 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 324A.8 Iowa employment  
5 rides initiative — grant program — fund.

6 1. As used in this section, unless the context  
7 otherwise requires "*employment transportation*" means  
8 an urban or rural program or service that provides  
9 an individual with transportation solely to or from a  
10 workplace, including but not limited to the following  
11 programs and services:

12 a. Expanding or sustaining existing transportation  
13 services or service hours.

14 b. Coordinating ride share services, including car  
15 pool or van pool services.

16 c. Shuttle services.

17 2. The Iowa employment rides initiative is  
18 established in the department to provide funds to  
19 public transit systems for programs and services that  
20 provide employment transportation to Iowans.

21 3. The department shall award funds from the  
22 initiative on a competitive grant basis. A grant shall  
23 not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars. A grant  
24 application shall contain a commitment from the public  
25 transit system of at least a dollar-for-dollar match of  
26 the grant funds awarded. Moneys charged to individuals  
27 receiving employment transportation services cannot  
28 be used as matching funds. Grant funds shall be used  
29 only for operational costs directly associated with  
30 providing employment transportation and shall not be  
31 used for capital expenditures or construction.

32 4. A public transit system may coordinate  
33 with other local, state, or federal governmental  
34 agencies and private nonprofit organizations in the  
35 administration of a program or service receiving a  
36 grant under the initiative and in expenditure of grant  
37 funds.

38 5. The department shall, by January 1 each year,  
39 submit a report to the general assembly on the outcomes  
40 of the initiative, including the grant amount, the  
41 type of program or service receiving funds, and the  
42 number of individuals served for each grant awarded  
43 by the initiative. As a condition of having received  
44 a grant from the initiative, a public transit system  
45 shall provide the department with information on any  
46 program or service for which the public transit system  
47 is awarded a grant from the initiative.

48 6. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to  
49 chapter 17A to administer the initiative, including but  
50 not limited to an application process and grant award

1 criteria.

2 7. a. An Iowa employment rides fund is created in  
3 the state treasury under the control of the department.  
4 The fund shall consist of moneys appropriated to the  
5 department and any other moneys available to, obtained,  
6 or accepted by the department for placement in the  
7 fund.

8 b. Moneys in the fund shall be used to provide  
9 grants under the Iowa employment rides initiative  
10 established in this section.

11 c. Moneys in the fund are not subject to section  
12 8.33. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2,  
13 interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be  
14 credited to the fund.>

15 2. Title page, line 2, by striking <economic  
16 development authority> and inserting <state department  
17 of transportation>

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